(*a*) the number of police officers convicted by courts of justice and now retained in the department;

(*b*) the number of police officers whose conduct was criticised by courts of justice; and

(*c*) the number of such officers who were given promotions or punishments by the department?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) Government regret that the statement cannot be prepared as it involves an examination of the judgments in all criminal cases for the last 35 years which it is not possible for them to undertake.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether there are such officers in the Department?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That information is not available.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I rise to a point of order. Two members are in possession of the House.

Rule re Filing of Affidavits.

147. **MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the rule regarding the filing of affidavits along with all interlocutory applications in civil courts is causing very great hardship to the public;

(*b*) whether the levy of any fee for swearing of affidavits is authorised; and

(*c*) whether some persons who are authorised to swear affidavits are levying fees for the same?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the negative.

(*c*) Government have no information.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): With reference to the answer to part (c) may I know whether the Government made any enquiry as to whether persons who are authorised to swear affidavits are levying fees for the same?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Do they propose to make an enquiry?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

Cost of certain Surgical Instruments purchased in the General Hospital.

148. **MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of money spent in getting down instruments when Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai was appointed in the Trivandrum General Hospital; and

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